Scrapping the MPLADS

3268. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to scrap the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS);

(b) if so, the reasons thereof in what way the MPs would carry on the development of their respective constituencies;

(c) in what manner the fund for MPLADS would utilized in future;

(d) whether that process be time consuming; and

(e) whether any role would be left to play for district collector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) There is no proposal in this Ministry to scrap the MPLADS.

Sports Hostels in Tamil Nadu

3269. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports hostels in Tamil Nadu, as on date, location-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new sports centre targeted to be opened in Tamil Nadu during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) 'Sports' is a State subject and promotion of the same at State level including construction of sports hostels is the primary responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Government of India, through various schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts of State Government in promotion of sports at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior level. At present SAI is running two Training Centre in Tamil Nadu one at Chennai and another at Salem, which have hostel facilities.